

## MINUTES OF 2003 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, February 6, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

**There were present the following Officers and Directors:**

**PRESENT:**

Ivan Cowley, President-Sevier County  
Kurt Sorenson, Vice President-Sanpete County  
Afton Blood, Director-Piute County  
Clyde Bunker, Director-Millard County  
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County  
Blaine Ipson-Millard County  
Delin Roundy representing Sheldon Proctor-Garfield County  
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ray J. Owens, Upper Sevier River Commissioner  
Jim Walker, Lower Sevier River Commissioner  
Lee Sim, Division of Water Rights  
John Larsen, Division of Water Rights  
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights

The meeting was called to order by Ivan Cowley who presided at the meeting. An opening prayer was given by Brent Lundgreen.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held on February 7, 2002. Upon a motion by Brent Cowley and second by Jerry Skeem, the minutes were approved as read.

President Cowley turned the floor over to Lee Sim from the Division of Water Rights who gave a report of the 2002 expenditures and receipts. Each person present was furnished with a copy.

Beginning Cash on Hand		35,993.80
Assessment	146,853.09	
Delinquent Penalties	877.11	
Interest	<u>754.33</u>	
Total Receipts	148,484.53	
Expenses	139,923.22	
Ending Cash on Hand		44,555.11

There were 3,097.02 in delinquent assessments. A motion was made by Jerry Skeem to approve Income and Expense report. The motion was seconded by Wayne Ballard and passed unanimously.

The board presented the proposed budget and assessment for the upcoming year. President Cowley noted that the State may not fund some or all of the USGS cooperative gauging stations. We won't know for sure until June or July. We will probably take over three stations this year with more in the future. President Cowley reviewed each item of the proposed budget. The biggest increases were in the equipment area due to taking over the real-time stations from the USGS and State. The budget for the upcoming 2003 year has been set at \$206,118.00, with the 2003 assessment at \$210,000.00. A motion was made by Wayne Ballard to approve the proposed budget and assessment. The motion was seconded by Brent Cowley and passed unanimously.

Time was given to Commissioner Jim Walker who discussed the water supply for the lower river. As of February 2, Sevier Bridge Reservoir is at 55.4' with about 77,531 a.f. of storage water. There is about 175-180 cfs of inflow. As of March 1, there should be around 57,000 a.f. of new water made in the lower zone. The storage make is lower this year over a year ago with the odds against making the first storage priority. The primary averaged 49% last year.

Time was given to Commissioner Ray Owens to report on the water supply for the upper river. Otter Creek Reservoir has averaged 140 a.f./day make since October 1, with an average of 150 a.f./day since January 1. Piute Reservoir averaged 288 a.f./day make since October 1, with only 257 a.f./day average make since January 1. There is 18,092 a.f. of new storage in Otter Creek Reservoir and Piute Reservoir has about 25,000 a.f. of new storage. There is approximately 26,000 a.f. less storage in Piute and Otter Creek Reservoirs compared to last year. Commissioner Owens noted that the snow storms have been very spotty this winter. He noted that stream flows are about 80 cfs less in the lower zone and about 30-40 cfs less in the upper zone. There was a lengthy discussion about the lower zone primary that exchanges back to Piute Reservoir.

Time was given to Clyde Bunker to report on Sevier Bridge Reservoir. He noted that we will do work similar to what was done on Piute Reservoir if funding from the State is available. Current plans call for a new guard gate and structure along with a seismic stability berm on the upstream side of the dam.

Kurt Sorenson noted that Piute Reservoir was installing a new regulating gate in the outlet tunnel which should be done sometime in March.

<sup>Cowley</sup>  
President ~~Sorenson~~ held elections to fill the expired terms of Sheldon Proctor, Ivan Cowley and Clyde Bunker whose terms had expired. Afton Blood nominated Delin Roundy as a director representing Garfield County. With no other nominations, Afton Blood moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended, and that Mr. Roundy be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Brent Cowley and passed unanimously. Jarvis Sorenson moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Ivan Cowley and Clyde Bunker be appointed as directors. The motion was seconded by Jerry Skeem and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Russell Christensen moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Clyde Bunker and passed unanimously.

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary

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President